(d) The United States and a number of other countries have since withdrawn the travel advisories to their citizens and officials.

Agreement for Nuclear Arms cut

2404. SHRIK.NATWAR SINGH:
DR.T.SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have reached an agreement for nuclear arms cut;

(b) if so, the features of the agreement; and

(c) to what extent this agreement would help in reducing the tension and arms cut in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Human Rights violation in Jammu and Kashmir

2405. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether British Foreign Secretary, during his recent meeting with him in New Delhi, had raised the issue of human rights violation in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) UK Secretary of State Mr. Jack Straw, in his press conference after his meeting with EAM praised India's commendable record in establishing human rights machinery, while noting that UK will continue to encourage India to improve the human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmir including investigation and punishment of abuses.